

Quentin T. Hughes III's Testimony on HR Bill #7007 re: DMR Name Change

I think "Department of Mental Retardation" should be renamed "Department of Developmental Services" because I think the "R" word, which is retardation, tends to be used as a label suggesting that a person with disabilities has no hope of accomplishing much in life. It is a word that's demeaning, and hurtful. The new title, "Department of Developmental Services", will help to eliminate the "R" word and therefore would encourage people with disabilities to enjoy life, do the things they can and like to do and contribute to society. It would encourage them to realize their dreams and potentials.